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From above the altar in The Church of The Epiphany, Woody Point, NL; photographed by Emily F. Rowe

*Now after Jesus was born  
in Bethlehem of Judea  
in the days of Herod the  
king, behold, wise men  
from the East came to  
Jerusalem, saying, "Where is  
He who has been born King  
of the Jews? For we have seen  
His star in the East and have  
come to worship Him."  
Matthew 2:1-2*

## New Year's Greetings From the Bishop of Western Newfoundland

The Rt. Rev'd John Organ  
Bishop  
Western Newfoundland

A New Year!

Everything new is full of potential and promise, holding opportunities and possibilities.

A new year allows us to say goodbye to the old and welcome a fresh start. It is chance to begin again and to feel optimistic and hopeful about what might be.

Of course, we don't have full control over what will happen in a new year. It will no doubt have its share of ups and downs, joys and sorrows. Life is like that, even though we prefer to have only happy and positive things happen.

We can have a realistic stance to a new year that gives us confidence and strength to deal with whatever happens, good or bad. Sometimes even our successes demand as much



of us as our failures. We need that "extra something" to allow us to stand tall and strong and resourceful, no matter the positive or negative situations 2019 will present to us.

For me, that "extra something" is found in St. Paul's three-fold advice to living life well—"faith, hope, and love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) Faith is having trust



and confidence in someone or something. Hope is having an expectation that we will receive a good outcome. Love is having attachments and connections to others that make even grey days sunny and bright.

A new year invites us to step out in faith, hope,

and love. With a faith that trusts in God, who is with us and cares for us. With a hope that all things work for good and that our deepest desire for wholeness and fulfillment will ultimately be achieved. With love, which is the real GOLD of the human journey and destiny.

Stepping into a new year with faith, hope, and love will help to ensure that 2019 will be a very good year indeed. With these three "virtues," 2019 will have moments of great delight and deep assurance.

Happy New Year.



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## Don't Forget The Food Banks Once Christmas Is Over

### Cash donations are always appreciated, and are probably much needed

Emily F. Rowe  
Editor

In the lead up to Christmas this year, I saw a lot of people on Facebook posting about the "reverse Advent calendar." The idea is that rather than opening a little door to find a chocolate, or putting an ornament on a felt tree (which is what my own Advent calendar is), you set aside a different item for the food bank for every day of Advent, and then at Christmas time, you donate it. That is a great idea, but I started to work at one of our local food banks about a year ago, and I can tell you that there are needs that extend far past the holiday season.

Another thing that I have learned is that it can be just as good to give money to a food bank rather than food. I'm not going to say that giving food is bad, but it's not always as useful as money. I didn't really understand that until I began to work at Emmaus House; I always liked the idea of giving actual food to the food bank. In fact, I was one of those people who sometimes tried to think outside the box, and the idea of donating something that isn't the standard box of macaroni and cheese or box of cereal was even more exciting to me. But the truth is that there are lists of what gets given to each family, and when you're working in the food bank, you have to keep to that list as much as you can. There are variations in the lists depending on how many people are in the family,



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and whether or not there are any children present. If the food bank is given money, then they can make sure that they have enough of those staples, and they know how much they need. They can often buy in bulk or when things are on sale, and then the money can go a lot further.

Another problem with giving actual food is that it has to be properly stored. Then somebody needs to have a look through everything on a regular basis to make sure that things haven't gone past their expiration date. This is time consuming, and that time might be better used by the volunteers who have so much to do.

All of that having been said, there are a few things that you can buy and donate to a food bank that are not exactly food, but which can make a huge difference in the lives of the clients. Toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, diapers (children and adult), and women's sanitary products are all things that people

ask for. Also dry cat and dog foods are a good thing to donate. Those things are not normally in the budget for food banks, which are typically struggling just to keep basic food on the shelves. But just imagine not having toilet paper. Imagine not being able to afford a toothbrush. All people deserve dignity, regardless of their income, and these small things can have a big impact.

So for any of you who collected an advent calendar of food for your local food bank, good for you. You're helping, and your generosity is appreciated. If we do not practice being generous, we run the risk of becoming stingy, and that's not what we are about as Christians. But now that the holiday season is drawing to an end, and there are many more months of cold weather for us Canadians, don't forget to continue to support your local food bank, and please feel free to give a cash donation. It will have a huge impact on those who need your help the most.

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# Pool's Island News

Articles and photographs by  
Brenda Lee Goodyear



## New aprons for Thanksgiving

On October 29th 2018, St. James' ACW in Pool's Island held their annual Thanksgiving hot roast beef supper. It was a wonderful evening with great community support. The ACW Sisters wore their personalized aprons for the first time on that evening. There were many beautiful comments as we all were united as one. Many thanks to Tina Martin for your beautiful design.

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## Recognition supper for senior sisters

On October 23rd 2018, St. James' ACW of Pool's Island held a recognition supper to acknowledge the many years of service of our senior sisters. The Rev'd Tim Graham started the evening with Holy Communion. We then enjoyed a beautiful potluck meal, sang choruses, and heard poems of thanksgiving and friendship. There were four ladies recognized at the supper; each was given a certificate and flowers. Sophie Pope - 25 years, Lena Rogers - 47 years, Alice Hoyles - 75 years, and Barbara Granter - 55 years. Donna Attwood received on behalf of her mother, our late sister Jessie Kelloway - 75 years. Rev'd Tim and ACW President Martha Sheppard, also visited Bessie Spurrell later that week, to present her with a certificate of 73 years of service. Bessie now resides in Bonnews Lodge Senior Citizens Home, Badger's Quay. The recognition supper was a beautiful evening of friendship, fellowship, food, and fun, and our senior ladies were certainly appreciated for their dedication to the association.



Rev'd Tim Graham with our recognized sisters



Rev'd Tim with Martha Sheppard visiting Bessie Spurrell



Our ACW





## Parish of the Holy Spirit Celebrates Confirmation

Article and photographs by Sarah Sharpe

The Parish of the Holy Spirit, Southwest Arm, was delighted to receive a visit from our bishop, The Rt. Rev'd Geoff Peddle, and his lovely wife Kathy, who had journeyed from St. John's to Gooseberry Cove for the Parish of the Holy Spirit's confirmation ceremony on Sunday, October 28th, 2018.

Under the careful guidance of Rev'd Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins and Mrs. Laura Drover, almost a full year of teaching and training had gone into preparing five young ladies for their Confirmation. This year the ceremony was held at St. Alban the Martyr in Gooseberry Cove, and the following confirmands receiving the laying on of hands: Chloe Langor of Southport, Jordyn Peddle of Hodge's Cove, Olivia Smith of Caplin Cove, and Paige and Rachel Spurrell of Hodge's Cove.

Our priest-in-charge, The Rev'd Khaliah Kinkead-Dawkins, and Mrs. Laura Drover have to be commended for the wonderful job they did in preparing these girls for this very reverent and special event. According to Rev'd Khaliah, "This was the first confirmation for me here at the Parish of the Holy Spirit," and one could certainly see she was beaming with pride on how well the training and education of these five girls went. When asked how she felt about the experience, she replied, "I found it be a very humbling experience for me. I loved our time



together, and I loved to see how much the girls had grown in their faith."

Laura Drover, the preparation instructor, was amazed by the way the girls grew, as they were very much involved in their learning. "To see them coming out of their shell, to not only pray together, but to speak out in prayer on their own was so rewarding." She went on to say, "Rev'd Khaliah integrated some well-rounded educational videos about the blessed sacraments which really caught the girls interest."

The girls were involved with the liturgical readings, with support and guidance from Rev'd Khaliah. What a beautiful sight!

It was extremely moving when Jordyn Peddle performed the solo "Just as I am, without one plea," accompanying herself on the guitar. I could see the smile on Bishop Geoff's face as she flawlessly performed her song.

With the Church almost filled to capacity, you could see the support those girls

received from their parents, grandparents, and great grandparents; aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters—yes, and even the whole congregation. Bishop Geoff invited the entire families of the confirmands to come forward for the laying on of hands.

Bishop Geoff in his homily, stressed the importance of family, and yes, even the entire congregation, in supporting these girls in their spiritual journey. He reiterated, "This is only the beginning—go out and help spread the Gospel of the Kingdom of God." He put such a human face on his message of importance of family, that he shared little stories about himself growing up around the bay, and how he always looked to his family for support.

After the service, all were invited to the recreation centre for refreshments. Upon entering the hall, we could see that it had been decorated in fine style for the continuation of the magnificent celebration for the new Soldiers of Christ!

## Visit To Mountainview House

Article and photograph by Shirley Balsom

On October 22nd, the Outreach Committee and some members of the senior choir from All Saints' Church in Corner Brook went to Mountain View House in Meadows to visit the residents and have a sing along. One of the residents, Phyllis Holmans, is a member of All Saints' congregation, and has given many years of faithful service as a member of ACW and senior choir, just to name a couple of things.

The members of the home really enjoyed the social hour and sang along with the group. Jim Simms, who is one of our choir members, sang a couple of songs. The Outreach members of the church go to personal care homes several times during the year. Members of our congregation who are 90 years or older also get a visit from members of the Outreach Committee on their birthdays.



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# Aging Gracefully

The Rev'd Michael Li  
Columnist

From our birth we are aging. The question of aging cannot be separated from the question of the meaning of life. If we do not die young, we will grow older and face the challenges of aging. Aging gracefully is not always easy.

We might be able to minimize the impact of the aging process by making healthy choices. Here are some tips to help us age gracefully:

1. Accept aging as part of God's plan for your life.
2. Learn to be content, which only comes as we accept each day as a gift from God and commit it into His hands.
3. Find meaningful activities. Plan for purposeful activities before you retire from work.
4. Continue to find things that are important to you.
5. Don't dwell on becoming older.



6. Don't focus on what is not working anyone.
7. Focus on the positive. Focus on God's promises.
8. Stay away from negative people, places and things.
9. Keep friends and social networks close.
10. Limit your sun exposure.
11. Learn to manage your stress in healthy ways.
12. Exercise regularly. A minimum of 45 minutes of aerobic exercise or walking, three to four times a week will do you wonders.
13. Stay hydrated; drink eight glasses of water daily. Avoid soda drinks, if possible.
14. Don't smoke. Limit your alcohol intake to one drink a day for women, two for men.
15. Sleep for at least 6.5 hours every night.
16. Eat lots of fruits and vegetables.
17. Eat a well-balanced diet. Choose whole grains, high-fibre foods and lean sources of protein, e.g. fish. Avoid anything deep fried, bagels,



- processed meat, artificial sweeteners, etc., if possible.
18. Get adequate amounts of calcium.
19. Get adequate amounts of vitamin D: 800 IU a day for adults age 71 and older.
20. Schedule regular checkups with your medical doctor, dentist, and optometrist.
21. Learn something new every day to challenge your brain.
22. Make a will.
23. Plan your funeral.
24. Trust God and practice your faith. Focus on God in the midst of life's trials.
25. We should see a longer life as an opportunity for extended ministry serving God.
26. Continue to trust God because He guides and governs all events, circumstances and free acts of humans (Genesis 45:5-8).
27. Pray that we will experience God's peace and comfort as we grow older.



## Thanksgiving in Gillams

Article and photographs by  
Audrey Park

The congregation of St James' in Gillams held a very lovely Thanksgiving service with songs of thanks and displays of autumn. A beautiful basket of preserves was donated and will be auctioned off at our fall sale on November 24. We are also thankful for a generous donation of knitted goods from Kathy Blanchard to go to The Open Door.



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# Synod in Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador

## The Future of the Church and the Church of the Future

Article by  
The Rev'd Jolene Peters

From November 8th-10th, 2018, approximately 150 clergy, lay, and youth delegates came together at the Parish of All Saints in Foxtrap for the 30th biennial session of Synod of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador. Our Diocesan Synod began on Thursday night with a full house at All Saints' Church as those who gathered celebrated the ordination of The Rev'd Sam Butler to the sacred order of priests. Bishop Geoff's sermon that evening was inspiring and Spirit-filled, and left everyone feeling hopeful for the work that lay ahead over the next couple of days. Fourteen months ago, Bishop Geoff called for a diocesan commission to look at our future, and appointed eight members from throughout the diocese to be a part of a commission on parish renewal and viability. Those members included The Rev'd Canon Greg Mercer (chair of the committee), Mrs. Debbie Panton, Mr. Peter Adams, Mrs. Pamela Norman, Mr. David Legge, Mr. Peter Reccord, The Very Rev'd Bill Bellamy, and The Rev'd Jolene Peters. Members of the commission worked hard over the past fourteen months to present to synod a full report entitled "Surviving or Thriving: The Future of the Church in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador."

As we began synod, Bishop Geoff divided his

charge into two parts, the first being delivered on Friday morning called "The future of the church: 2018-2028." I quote Bishop Geoff from that charge as he said, "This old church of ours is a big ship that has served us well and represents the very best of Christian faith and tradition, and today that old ship sails alongside a new ship. Our church brought education and healthcare and social services to the people and continues to meet human need in countless ways. But even as it does that, alongside it comes a new and different church that is already operating in fresh ways. And that is the difference between the future of the church that we know and the church of the future now starting to appear." In the second part of his charge to synod delivered on Saturday Morning, "The Church of the Future: Beyond 2028," Bishop Geoff invited each of us to ponder with him new possibilities for the church of the future that we do not yet know. He invited us to think less about the church we know, and more about the kingdom of God. In an honest, sincere, and emotional charge to members of synod, Bishop Geoff stated that "we should ensure that our churches ought to be a place of shelter and food and comfort and care. A place where the word of God is proclaimed and honoured, a place where the traveler is welcomed,

a place where love grows." He finished that charge with saying that he believes our synod would herald both death and resurrection, and in his words he said, "Let us together face both with confidence and trust so that we may truly leave synod no longer speaking about God's church having a mission, but knowing that God's mission truly has a church in the diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador."

Our entire synod was full of the Spirit, and was a wonderfully successful synod. It was important for all of us to be aware that the entire time we were in synod members of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer were praying for us in the church chapel and our entire synod was prayer focused and prayer led.

There were, as always, difficult conversations, tough decisions to make, and moments where

emotions were high. Knowing that General Synod will take place in July of 2019, and the work and decisions to be made around marriage equality in the Anglican Church of Canada, Bishop Geoff announced at this synod a special synod of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, to be held in September of 2019, with a focused conversation on marriage equality informed by the actions of the national church. More details on that synod will be provided later.

We had 29 motions on the floor of synod, all of which were passed. Most of these motions came out of the Diocesan Commission Report, and all motions from synod can be found on the diocesan website. There is no doubt in the weeks and months to come that there is much work to be done in the diocese. We know within this diocese that we cannot keep doing what we have always done without some new things and some changes if we want to thrive and keep our churches alive and active in the years to come. The fact that each motion at synod was accepted and passed shows how much our diocese is willing and ready to make some necessary changes to ensure that we do the best of our ability to enhance the kingdom of God here on earth. Throughout it all we were able to gather together with our many similarities and differences and work together, share in fellowship time together, and pray together. As we go forward in our diocese, now there is a sense of anticipation for what is to come and as Bishop Geoff has said, "Our task now is to lovingly care for this church we love today and to prepare the ground for the church waiting to be born."



Photo Emily F. Rowe



Photo Jolene Peters





Photo Emily F. Rowe

## Interview with Bishop Peddle—the decisions of Synod 2018

Interview by Emily F. Rowe

**Bishop, you were visibly moved by the decisions to move forward from maintenance toward mission that the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador made at synod this year. Was there any one moment that, for you, was the most exciting part of synod?**

November's Synod—The Future of the Church and the Church of the Future—was unlike any gathering I have ever attended in more than three decades of ordained ministry. An observer wrote me afterwards suggesting that the Holy Spirit hovered over Synod throughout and I think that is the best explanation for what I witnessed. I did not anticipate that we would be able to deal with all of the motions that had been brought forward by the Diocesan Commission on Parish Renewal and Viability in their report called *Surviving or Thriving: The Future of the Church in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador* and I had even made plans to prorogue Synod for a few months. I was surprised by joy when we were able to make courageous decisions together on the motions made by the Commission, knowing full well that great change would come. For all of our diversity as a diocese, the unity among our people deeply humbled me. If I had to choose a single word to describe our Synod that

word would be “MISSION.” I did not script my final words because I had no way of knowing how much we would accomplish but in the end our church chose a different future and because of that I was quite moved. There was no single moment that was most exciting for me, because there was excitement throughout from the ordination on the first night followed by the next day's business and the Bishop's Dinner and Awards of Merit through to our conclusion on the third day.

**There are bound to be people in the parishes who are feeling very apprehensive about the future in light of the decisions made at Synod around diocesan restructuring. What would you say, as the chief shepherd of this flock, to reassure them?**

I appreciate the anxiety that some are feeling today in light of the momentous decisions made by our Diocesan Synod. I share some of that anxiety, and yet I know that we have no time to lose. In my Charge to Synod I asked that all resolutions be implemented with compassion and care and I pledge myself to that and ask that as we move forward, we do so in a way that is respectful and



Photo Jolene Peters

inclusive. Although some things are already in motion, the full impact of this Synod will be felt over the next 5 to 10 years, for even though Synod made the big decisions, we must now work through the implications of those decisions. Already, since Synod, multiple members of our diocese have informed me of new conversations and fresh initiatives within and among churches and parishes. It is my hope that the future shape of our church will be decided by the people of our church and in the months and years ahead churches and parishes will bring forward a new vision that brings hope to our people. Our church decided at Synod that we will no longer be about maintenance

but very much about mission. Together, we must determine the shape of our Church-in-Mission as we move into the future.

**There has been a special synod called for September which will concern itself entirely with marriage equality. General Synod will hold its second vote on whether or not change the marriage canon to allow for same sex marriages in July. Why did you want to wait until after General Synod to discuss marriage equality in your diocese?**

I committed myself and the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador to working with the decisions made by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. I stated in 2016 that I would not move independently outside of General Synod and I remain committed to that promise. Our diocese has engaged around the conversation regarding Marriage Equality and we even developed our own program of study: *Easter(n) Dialogues:*

*A Guide for Initiating Parish Conversations around Human Sexuality in the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.* It is my hope that because of the respectful way in which we continue to talk about Marriage Equality in this diocese we will be able to move forward together. I feel it is best to wait until after General Synod meets in July 2019 before we make final decisions here because it is probable that General Synod will inform those decisions in important ways. There are many members of the LGBTQ+ community in the Anglican Church today and the time is upon us to fully include them if we truly mean what we have been saying for so long. You asked earlier if there was a most exciting part of Synod and perhaps there was one—it happened when Susan Green and Brenda Halley, a same-sex couple, addressed Synod. They spoke eloquently of their deep faith in God and their hope for the Anglican Church that someday soon they can be married in their church. The standing ovation they received at the end told me that I was not the only one moved by their words.



2019

WELCOME IN THE NEW YEAR

## Who's Afraid of 2019?

Ronald Clarke  
Columnist

Well, after all the fireworks, and the merry making, 2019 is well and truly underway. But what kind of year will this one be? "Tings," as Uncle John might sadly predict, "might'n be very good at all!" Certainly there's no shortage of things to be worried about this year. Have we ever had so many ominous developments staring us in the face?



There's global warming, for example, changing our climate. So we have melting icecaps, floods, droughts, losses of precious plant and animal species. "Natural disasters," turned unnatural now, bring us typhoons, hurricanes, earthquakes, and the like, in ever-increasing frequency and severity. Deadly diseases—rapidly dispersed by fast, frequent modern travel—threaten to spawn global pandemics, probably killing millions.

Immorality, lawlessness, urban violence are common nearly everywhere. Wars, rumours of wars, and terrorism have fractured our security—even here in North America.

Then, there's our weakening, struggling Christian churches, awash in "secularism," declining in numbers, considered "old fashioned" and irrelevant

by the new generation of "educated" youth—not so much attacked as ignored.

Things never seemed so black. Shouldn't we all be in a state of despair?

No way! We Christians have absolutely no need to despair!

Thank God that we have an almighty God who created all things, and he is, according to his beloved son Jesus Christ, very much in control of all his creation. Man is not in control, no matter how powerful he may seem. God is in control.

No problem, no situation, no danger is too big for our God who made all things. In his own good time, the Scriptures assure us, God will, in an instant ("in the twinkling of an eye," we are told) make "all things new." Gone will be all the pollution, the suffering, the evil. Righteousness, love, joy, peace will reign supreme—never to be disturbed again. The eternal bliss, Jesus assures us, will be glorious, totally beyond our imagination.

How blessed are we who truly believe in God, and his son Jesus Christ. We can look ahead to the future unafraid. Now we must strive to show others what it means to be a believer. We are, after all, our brothers' "keepers," so we can not rest until everyone around us are believers too. Each of us must be, not only "teachers" and "preachers" of the Good News, but also seen as "doers" too.

So, hello, 2019, come on! The grace and power of our God can handle anything you can dish out!

## Port Aux Basques Fall Sale

Article and photographs by  
Lisa Brown

On November 19th, the ACW of St. James' Church in Port aux Basques held their annual fall sale. The ladies prepared and sold approximately 900 cold plates. There were \$2.00 grab bags, baked goods, knitted items, crafts, and a white elephant table. A great day of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Thank you going out to all who helped make our sale a great success.



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## Coffee Talks

The Rev'd Jeffery Blackwood  
Columnist

I'm sure most of you can agree—there's nothing like a good cup of coffee first thing in the morning.

Whether you prefer the simplicity of instant (I won't judge) or the complexity of ordering at Starbucks (a language I'll never understand), coffee just makes things feel alive in the morning.



It also has the unique ability to seamlessly weave a simple conversation into deep spiritual moments.

Living away from some of my best friends from university has made me appreciate how special a coffee and conversation can be—we catch up on our lives and special events in ways that Facebook and Instagram just can't capture. Over coffee, a bond of trust and intimacy forms that not even the noise of the mall can break.

Recently, I have learned how to play cribbage, and there is nothing quite like a coffee with a game of crib. The brain focusses on the numbers, while the heart can focus on the conversation. And I have had several amazing conversations over coffee and crib.

In our churches, coffee and fellowship go hand in hand. Whether your church does a weekly coffee time for whoever wants to join (mid-

week), or even a monthly coffee fellowship following Sunday worship, you cannot deny that there is something about a conversation over a cup of coffee that stirs fellowship into something lively and cherished.

Then there's the coffee over visits with people in their homes. Whether you are the clergy visiting, or even a friend visiting a friend, coffee always enters into the foray and is able to take the conversation deeper. In my six years of parish life, there is nothing more appreciated than when the clergy accept the offer for a cup of coffee and a lunch (never just a simple cookie) during a visit.

While I don't have a time machine to prove a theory, I would imagine that if the early disciples had had access to coffee, they too would have shared conversation over coffee with all they came across. Who knows? Maybe coffee would have solved many of the debates of the early church! I am yet to meet someone who is grumpy over coffee. (Prove me wrong, readers. Prove me wrong.)

Whether you are joyful, mourning, catching up with a friend, enjoying a game of cards, or even just sleepy, you cannot deny that there is something about coffee that can bring everything to light. It may only seem like a simple drink, or even a necessary start to one's day (I used to take coffee breaks when a former co-worker took smoke breaks. Let's just say I drank a LOT of coffee those summers!), there is an underwritten spiritual component to what can happen when sharing the moment with those around us.

## Diocesan Archivist Retires

Article and photographs by  
Peter Chalker

It has been almost 10 years since I became the archivist for the Eastern Diocese. It is now time for me to put away the white gloves and pencils and pass the acid-free folders and Holinger boxes to someone else.

In 2009 I replaced my mentor, Mrs. Julia Mathieson, who had been in the position for 10 years. It was her diligence that made my work so much easier.

When I started here, the archive was in the basement of Synod Office. The stacks of document boxes with our precious church history were swathed in plastic to prevent water damage. Mouse traps had been placed in strategic locations on the floor. Our space was cramped with no room for expansion. We needed a better situation.

In 2010-11 the Diocese remodelled Synod Office, and the archive moved upstairs into a brighter, cleaner, and safer environment. We now had a humidity and temperature-controlled space. It was larger with room to expand. We also had a new name. The archive became the Archdeacon Buckle Memorial Archive, in honour of the Venerable Francis Buckle, the Archdeacon of Labrador. Archdeacon Buckle and his wife Gertie were tireless supporters of the archive and the Archdeacon spent many hours researching material for his books on the history of the church in Newfoundland and Labrador.

My years as archivist have been very interesting and rewarding. I could not have been effective if I did not have the support of many people during my tenure. Bishop Pitman, during his episcopate, was a steadfast supporter of the archive as were Canon Elizabeth Barnes and the Rev'd Sandra Tilley. The office staff, Elizabeth Crisby, Fred Dinham, Gail Brittain, and Darren Gosse shared their talents with me as year followed year. Thank you! The current bishop, Dr. Geoff Peddle, and the executive officer,



Archivist, Peter Chalker



Brenda Parmenter, Peter Chalker, and Heather Courage

the Venerable Sam Rose, have been encouraging with their suggestions and their overall support of the archive. Thank you to all for making my tenure enjoyable.

My enjoyment has been enhanced by having several people who have assisted me over the years. Ms. Brenda Parmenter and Ms. Heather Courage have given considerable time in that regard. Ms. Parmenter assesses and catalogues all of our incoming documents while Ms. Courage has been working on a searchable database of our confirmations which stretch back to the mid 1800's. Fr. John Courage, before his appointment as chaplain at Queen's College, helped by pre-assessing many boxes of documents in preparation for the final assessment and cataloguing.

Our archive is not only the repository our history but it is also a place where researchers can come who wish to study our church's

history and to create unique literature based on their research. A few years ago, Dr. Guy Brassard wrote about the life of the Rev'd Arthur Charles Waghorne, priest and amateur botanist. Dr. Peter Coffman published a book entitled Newfoundland Church Architecture based on work done at our archive. Recently, Ms. Marie Wadden spent considerable time at the archive researching the life of the Rev'd George Hutchinson, friend of Bishop Feild and nephew of William Wordsworth. He was the incumbent in Labrador, and his last posting was in Topsail parish. It was an exciting time working with these scholars. Thank You!!

Finally, I urge all parishes to bring their non-current documents to the archive for safe keeping, otherwise they could be lost or irretrievably damaged.

If I have forgotten someone, please forgive me. It was not intentional. Thank you all, again, for your support.





## Prayer and Praise in Burnside

Submitted with photographs by  
Jim Rockwood

A beautiful parish service of Prayer and Praise took place on Sunday 14th of October, 2018, at St. Alban's Church in Burnside. Over 90 members of the Parish of Salvage gathered for the service. The Rev'd David Cook conducted the service, which involved lay members of the congregation helping with the readings, and the Holy Cross Choir from Eastport providing the music under the direction of

organist and choir director Marjorie Hiscock. The service also saw the Gospel Group "Three Decades," from Clarendville, providing four gospel songs. Consisting of Kimberly Baily-Tucker, Lloyd Goose, and Ches March, they have been providing a ministry of gospel music and songs in many churches, seniors' homes, and at the Beaches Heritage Centre in Eastport.



# Between The Lessons—Two Kings

The Rev'd Jonathan Rowe  
Columnist

With the death of Saul at the end of the first Book of Samuel, David was poised to take his place as king. He mourned for Saul and Jonathan for an appropriate length of time, and then goes to Hebron where his own tribe proclaims him king of Judah. One of his first royal acts is to praise the men of Jabesh Gilead for recovering Saul's body and giving it a proper burial. As they had been loyal to Saul, now David wants them to be loyal to him. All's well that ends well—or at least it should be. But the last remnants of Saul's supporters don't want David to be king, and they find one last son of Saul to inherit the throne from his father.

At this point, it becomes something of a squabble between families. After all, it is David's own tribe and extended family who are so keen to see him on the throne. The tribe of Judah certainly had a vested interest in seeing one of their own as king, and David's own nephew Joab had risen to the chief command of David's army. But on the other side, Saul's commander Abner was also his uncle, from the tribe of Benjamin, and that tribe also had aspirations to be the royal tribe. Without making a play for the throne



himself, Abner was keen to put another family member on it, and Saul's last son Ishbaal was the right puppet for the job.

The Bible doesn't tell us much about Ishbaal. In fact, some stories change his name, which originally meant 'Man of Baal (the Canaanite storm-god)' to 'Man of Shame.' He never does much in the stories, except spend two years as a rival to David, accepted as king by the rest of the Israelite tribes. But he's missing one key qualification for kingship. He was never anointed, like David (and even Saul) was. His claims to the throne are based solely on human politics, supported by a human army, but without God's seal of approval. The most he could ever hope to be was an inconvenient rival to David's power that

would eventually need to be put down.

During a period of mounting tension between David's men and Ishbaal's men, fighting finally breaks out in earnest. Joab and Abner, the two chief commanders, arrange a friendly contest between chosen men from each side, and the 'play fight' between them gets so fierce that all the champions from both sides end up dead. In outrage, both armies attack each other. Joab and David's men are too much for Abner and Ishbaal's army, and they get them on the run.

In the pursuit, Joab's younger brother Asahel finds himself chasing Abner himself. While Asahel is faster, Abner is stronger by far. Twice he warns Asahel to stop pursuing him, perhaps knowing that if it stops being a chase and becomes a hand-to-hand fight, Asahel will be no match for him. Asahel will not be dissuaded, though, and Abner ends up killing him in quite a gruesome way.

Joab and his men pursue Abner and his men into the hills, and only some last-ditch diplomacy as the sun is going down can save Abner and prevent any future bloodshed. The stage has been set for a long conflict between David's men and the last remnant of Saul's supporters, who will grow weaker and weaker while David's forces grow stronger and stronger. A deep grudge and hostility has also been sown between Joab and Abner, which will eventually bear its own unpleasant fruit. But that's another story, for another time.

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# Who Was Benjamin Saunders?

Article by Gerald Saunders  
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collection of Gerald Saunders

Near the Chapel at the old Queen's College on Forest Road, on a wall, was inscribed the names of all of the clergy graduating from that institution, including the year they entered Queen's, the year they were ordained to the diaconate, and the year they were priested. That large board is now, I believe, at the new Queen's College on the campus of Memorial University. I said that the dates were included for all of those who graduated from Queen's. Not all, but nearly all. Missing is the date of entering, the diaconate, and the year priested for one Benjamin Saunders, located about the fifth or sixth from the top. I can't tell why this information is missing except to say that Benjamin Saunders was never ordained deacon, and consequently never ordained priest.

I was a student at Queen's College starting



*Benjamin Saunders and his wife, Sarah (Lane) Saunders*

in 1969. Every time I went to Chapel (every student who attended there knows that we attended the Eucharist, Morning Prayer, and Compline practically every day) I saw the name Benjamin Saunders, and I wondered who he was and why no information was entered for him. I have, after considerable research, determined that the Benjamin on this Board

was, indeed, my great grandfather.

Let me tell you about Benjamin. Well, he was born to James Saunders and Rebecca Johnstone in Greenspond in 1830, and I believe that when he was of age, he did enter Queen's to become a priest. However, at some time he had no choice but to discontinue his studies. His son, my grandfather James, told me

that his father was nearly blind. Despite having to discontinue his studies, great-grandfather spent his total lifetime devoted to the church. He grew up in Greenspond but spent his lifetime with his wife Sarah Lane from Salvage and his family of 4 sons and 5 daughters, at Dark Cove, Gambo. There, great grandfather was a layreader (and magistrate) for all of his adult life. As a matter of fact, he was known around the area as "Rev'd Benny." I can remember as a young boy seeing his layreader's license in the family Bible at the home of one of his grandsons, but both the Bible and the layreader's license have long since disappeared.

A long standing story of grandfather is that one Sunday morning he was conducting morning prayer at his mother church, St. George's in Middle Brook, and he said, "The Collect for the fourth Sunday after Trinity." Sarah stood up from the pew in the second seat on the right (still considered our family seat), and said in a loud voice, "Hark at Ben; Hark at Ben, not the fourth... the fifth."

Our family, from grandfather Benjamin, to grandfather James (Selina Pritchett) to father Lewis (Winnie) were considered "wronkers" in the community; we were in Church every time it was opened, rain or shine, winter or summer. You know, I can't find the word "wronker" in the dictionary, not even the Dictionary of Newfoundland and Labrador. Perhaps I have spelled it incorrectly, or maybe it's not even a proper word, but to me it meant someone who was completely devoted his/her church.

I can remember coming home from Queen's in Christmas of 1959; I decided to sit in the back seat with some of my friends. When the Rev'd John Moss started the service, I saw Grandfather James look around; he saw me and got out of his seat, walked

down the aisle to the back seat, gently took me by the collar, and walked me up to "our seat." Imagine doing that now.

I didn't like reading the Bible to Grandfather; in his declining years, he lived in the same garden as we did with his son Allan and his wife Gertie, but he would summon me whenever I was home to come over and read the Bible to him because he was bed-ridden and nearly blind. I swear that he could recite practically every chapter in the Bible by memory. All one had to do was "prime him," and he would take over from there. All I had to do was to follow along word by word to see if he missed one; he rarely did.

It really is amazing that a man who was born in 1830 in a remote Newfoundland Community was educated enough to read and write. Actually, all of his sons and daughters were readers themselves, a credit to their father who was a life-long community and Church leader.

Adding up all of the facts: the year he was born, the time he was a student at Queen's, his life-long devotion to his Church, the commitment to his community, his family, and his Christ, I have to be certain that the Benjamin on that large plaque at Queen's College is indeed the fisherman who, despite not being able to be ordained, was indeed ordained by our Master to carry out his work among the people.

I have been researching my family tree for many years and have done considerable work; I have titled it appropriately "The Tribe of Benjamin."

Thank you to my good friend, the newly-made deacon, Lisa Payne for her help in researching this.

Gerald L. Saunders  
Great grandson of  
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## Ten Tips For Constructing Funeral Programs

Article by  
Elizabeth Scammell-Reynolds

**1. Remember the obvious.** Have the name of the deceased prominently featured. Put in the date of death (birthdate too, if the family wishes). Include the date, time, and place of the funeral.

**2. Use the names.** List the names of the readers, the pall bearers, the soloists, and the organist. Be sure to put the full name and titles of the officiating clergy and the churches they are attached to.

**3. Set the hymns.** The congregation should be able to find the hymns without searching through a book (or books). Print the full text of the hymn in the funeral program, or use an insert. The same is true of prayers and especially of responsive readings.

**4. Indicate the readings.** Readings from the Bible or other sources can also be printed out, but it is necessary to note exactly what is being read. An example is: "John 6: 35-40 read by John Smith," or "Invictus by William Ernest Henley read by Sally Jones."

**5. Check the print.** Make sure that the print is clear and large enough to be easily read by the congregation. Proofread carefully.

**6. Watch the books.** There may be both a prayer book and a hymnary/songbook. Be sure to indicate on the program which is being used for each section. Use page numbers. In the Anglican faith, say if it is BCP or BAS. Have the program include at what points the congregation

sits or stands or kneels.

**7. Publish the unusual.** A photograph of the deceased may be included, or a picture of an item or place that the person loved. Many secular poems and quotations are appropriate for remembrance. A brief biography, a copy of the obituary, or an anecdote about the person being mourned can be used.

**8. Print the times and places.** Print the times and places of the service, the time of the reception (if appropriate), and the time of the burial.

**9. Be prepared to counsel.** If you are the spiritual director for this funeral, then you may well have to mediate family dissension, or guide a single survivor who is unable to make decisions as well as face all kinds of problems that may come up unexpectedly. Bring tissues—grief is almost always accompanied by tears.

**10. Treat the survivors.** Survivors, after the death of a family member (or members), need to be treated with respect; among other things, with regard to the items they wish to have included in a funeral program. Your job is to help them to grieve and to tactfully direct their wishes (if too utterly bizarre) to appropriate inclusions that can be referred to with love and honour in the years to come. Remember that intense grief may lead to their suggesting poems or passages or songs/hymns that might be embarrassing to them or to others at the time or later.

## Queen's College Still Needs Your Support

Article by The Ven. Brig. Gen.  
(ret.) Dr. Gerald Peddle

I walked down memory lane today at Queen's College. But it was so much more than just a nostalgic jaunt. I walked slowly in front of the wall of esteemed of graduates going back for over 170 years. I read the names of my forbears—men who shaped my identity—and that of my parents and grand parents. These were the loyal and dedicated men who were called and then prepared at Queen's to minister all across our great land. They framed, and constantly re-shaped the mold of dedicated Queen's men. They became the respected religious leaders in every community in Newfoundland and Labrador, and were the authentic stuff of which legends are born. They were fearless men who braved every danger and comforted every broken heart. They never flinched in the face of harsh reality. They could be fiercely tough when facing adversaries, but they also had a gentleness of spirit. Their Ministry of Presence was all pervasive. They were consulted in every situation and eagerly sought throughout all the joys and tragedies of life.

Then, my eyes came to rest on my own name—a mere pup who was ordained only 50 years ago. I wondered if those to my left would have been pleased with my meagre contribution to the cumulative impact of Queen's ministry. Then, I shook myself. Who am I to think that I could even be included in their same company? They endured storms, snows, hunger, exhaustion, disease, and hardships which I can't even imagine. These mighty men built churches, baptised infants, brought the Sacraments to all, comforted the dying, and consoled the grieving, and regularly visited every home in their far-flung parishes. All this they did by small boat, dog teams, and by walking. I don't think I could even come close to their stature.



The oak table

Photo E. F. Rowe

Then, I glanced to my right and read the names of those who came after me—now including women. Queen's also worked her magic on them too and continues to do so. Theirs is a different time, as my time was different from that of my forbears. But Queen's handled all that in her stride. From her vast reservoir of experiences transcending liturgical conversion and religious scholarship for 170 years, she meets each whim of change with professional response, truthful faithfulness and righteous dignity. Queen's has typically been that reliable ship which has frequently ventured into rough seas of change but could always be relied upon to bring us into peaceful harbours of orthodoxy. We thank God that Queen's has always been there. We pray that God will continue to bless her into tomorrow.

I attended Chapel today, and looked into the faces of the future leaders who are being prepared at Queens. In their faces I saw mine. I can only assume that they too are wondering about tomorrow, as I did. Is my call genuine? Am I really cut out for this? Can I really do this? Will my Great God really help me? Who am I to think that I have what it takes? One thing only is for sure—God will always provide.

One final glance at the old boards before leaving made me realize just how much this place means to me. Then I passed the old oak table and the Frodsham clock which graced the entrance of the "old" Queen's on Forest Road. Their familiarity is startling. They welcomed us every day and watched over our daily activities. I still recall the eagerness with which we daily sought that table holding our mail neatly laid out in alphabetical order. It held our "lunch" just before bedtime every night. It held us as we sat on it and had the most serious conversations you could imagine. (I was standing by that very table when I heard the news about President Kennedy's assassination.)

For God's sake **don't cease in your support for Queen's College.** In so many, many ways, we are all deeply indebted to her. If you can't spare financial resources, please include her in your prayers. She may be a grand old lady, but she still is that Christ-centered home which continues to cradle and prepare ordinary men and women for extraordinary ministry. May God continue to bless her.

Gerry Peddle  
Queen's resident 1963 – 1969.



# Interview—The Provost of Queen's College Answers Some Frequently Asked Questions

Interview with Dr. Rick Singleton, Provost of Queen's College

Let's start with the question that gets to the heart of the matter: will Queen's College continue to exist?

Yes, most definitely. I know that question came along in the past, and the Corporation and others wrestled with the viability and sustainability of Queen's. The same challenging issues had to be faced in many other theology schools and seminaries. Those challenging times are critical, they prompt change and force serious examination of the mission and relevance of what we do...the same is true for any organization. Queen's College will continue to exist and continue to grow as we consult, respond and reach out to meet the needs of the Church for the 21st century. In the fall of 2018, I had opportunity to work closely with the Bishops and be part of the Synods in all three dioceses. I felt tremendous support and encouragement from the fact that Queen's has a strategic role in providing for the education, training and formation of clergy and lay people for the future. In short, Queen's will continue to exist and continue to be relevant and dynamic, as it has been for the past 178 years.

Is Queen's a seminary or a school of theology?

I think that we are both. A seminary is typically understood to be place of education and training for people preparing for ordained ministry. The word is rooted in the Latin *seminarium*, translated as *seed-bed*, clearly, a place to nurture growth. A school of theology can bring to mind one aspect of seminary, i.e. theological education through courses, programs and granting of degrees, etc. So, we are both. We make courses in theology available for many, we also provide the spiritual and pastoral guidance and



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support for those preparing for ministry ... not only ordained ministry.

Is there a need to continue with a school of theology in NL?

Absolutely. Many people who study for ordained and non-ordained ministry at Queen's College admit *they would likely not go outside the province*.

Also, many of our students have actually *started with doing a single course or one of the non-degree programs*. That exposure to the study of theology makes their ministry in the church more meaningful and prompts them to discern a call to more active ministry. Five of the six people to graduate with B.Th. and M.Div. at Convocation 2018 for ministry in NL did not start studies at Queen's with a goal to complete these degrees and be ordained.

Prayer, theological education, encouragement from the faith community, and practice of ministry are powerful components in vocational discernment. Connection with the local community nurtures discernment and formation for ministry.

Queen's has an important role in helping people discern and prepare for leadership in the local Church.

Why should the Anglican Church offer programs for other denominations?

Our basic and core courses and programs are

required by the Association of Theological Schools for the US and Canada, our accrediting body. We have to offer the core program whether we have one student or one hundred. Having more students makes our program more financially sustainable. Having students from other denominations reduces the costs of our programs. Also, the RC Archdiocese and the Pentecostal Assemblies pay us a fee in addition to student tuition.

Aside from that, having students from different denominations and faith traditions provides a good learning experience for all students. Graduates from Queen's College will need to be able to work collaboratively with clergy and lay people in other denominations and faith traditions.

Diversity, collaboration and ecumenism are important features of ministry in the Church and in the world.

How does Queen's College compare to other theological schools in Canada?

There are many ways of making comparisons.

Our enrolment is stronger than most other Anglican Colleges.

We have more distance and part-time students than other colleges.

We have students from several other provinces.

The cost of students completing a program at Queen's is lower than other schools, mainly because we set our tuition to match

MUN.

We do not have the large endowment funds that some other schools have.

We do not have a fundraising foundation to support our capital budgets.

We rely heavily on the support of the three Anglican dioceses and the parishioners and parishes through the Queen's College Appeal.

Does Queen's College get money from Government?

No. We get no funding from the Government. Again, our main sources of revenue are tuition, diocesan grants, and the Queen's College Appeal. We set our tuition rate to match MUN. MUN has had frozen tuition for nearly a decade, this year they established some new fees. But essentially, our income through student tuition and fees is frozen.

I must note that we get occasional contributions from *In Memoriam* and similar donations, sometimes with a designated purpose such as a scholarship fund.

What do you see to be the biggest immediate challenge for Queen's College?

Well, from my vantage point, it is ensuring that people who are doing courses off-campus as preparation for ministry are getting the pastoral supervision and spiritual guidance they need to for the ministries they will take on. We are well underway in establishing means to develop competencies for supervisors and spiritual mentors. Courses are not enough, good grades are not enough. Knowledge of theology and pastoral skills does not adequately equip one for ministry. People need to be rooted in Jesus

Christ. Without a spiritual resilience one cannot be an effective agent of hope for others and continue to communicate the joy of the Gospel in word and deed.

What gives you most joy from your role as Provost?

Well, it comes right out of the biggest challenge. See, the positive response to our efforts to equip people for leadership in the Church is wonderful. Attending ordinations and convocations are great experiences, but seeing our former and present students exercise ministry in parishes and congregations across the province and beyond is inspiring. Being part of Queen's College and sustaining the wonderful mission of the College and equipping people to spread the Gospel in their time and place is wonderful. How could we not be excited by the impact of Queen's in sustaining the mission of Church in our current times of social and cultural change in our province? Likewise, consider the impact we have by facilitating theological education for Christians in the Diocese of Cyprus and Gulf.

Anything else you would like to raise for our readers?

Indeed, a few quick points.

As Anglicans, be proud of Queen's College and what it has done, is doing and what it will do.

Thank you for your support of Queen's College.

Please understand that the Appeal is essential to support our attempts to adjust to current needs within the church and explore ways of preparing people for leadership roles in the Church.

Please pray for vocations. Pray that Christian people will respond to the call to serve, both as lay and ordained people.



# What Will Your Legacy Be?

Kevin Smith  
Columnist

Happy New Year! Where has 2018 gone? This year marks my 19th year being involved with planned giving in our church. Who would have believed it? As the old saying goes, "Time flies."

Since January of last year, a number of things have happened to my ministry. While I outlined this in my report in the Diocesan Synod in November, most of you are unaware of these changes.

As of 2018, support for my ministry from the national church was eliminated and for the past twelve months, I have been employed solely by the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and I report to Archdeacon Sam Rose. Bishop Geoff has continually supported my work and has asked that I stay on for another year. I have agreed to do so. However, my contract has been reduced to four days a month for eight months of the year.

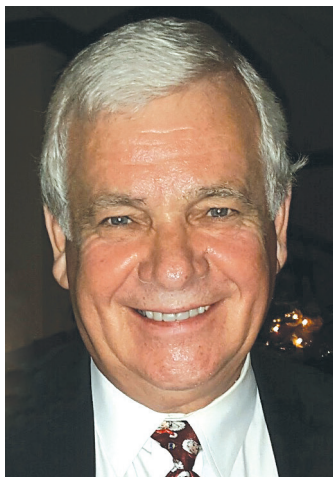
Obviously, this impacts my ability to get out and visit as much as I have been able to do in the past, but we have been able to adjust and work around the time frame. I will continue my outreach to parish clergy and will deal with any inquiries that arise about planned giving. In addition, I will continue my monthly column in Anglican Life thanks to the support of the editor, Emily.

Even though I am

working reduced hours in a shortened year, I will continue to deal with matters related to planned giving regardless. This has worked well in the past and I see no reason why it can't continue for 2019. I will continue to speak to parish groups and individuals who are interested in leaving a planned gift for their church. I have always said that if we don't ask our faithful parishioners to prayerfully consider leaving a planned gift for their church, then how can we expect to receive such a gift? As a stewardship writer Herb Mather says, "A planned gift is rarely made without an invitation."

At the Diocesan Synod, I chatted with a number of people who indicated that they read my column, but my hope is that they have acted on my suggestions and created a legacy gift for their church.

I had a display at the synod which included this picture I would like to share with you:



The message: Big or Small: You Can Make A Difference.

If you would like to know more about how you can support your church through a planned gift, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again: happy New Year! May 2019 be a happy, healthy and blessed year!

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## Confirmation in The Parish of Upper Island Cove

Submitted by The Rev'd  
Christine Lynch  
Photo by Don Lynch

We were pleased to welcome The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Geoffrey Peddle to this parish on November 18th as twelve young people were confirmed during the morning service. Preparation began early in

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## “Fun”draising in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland

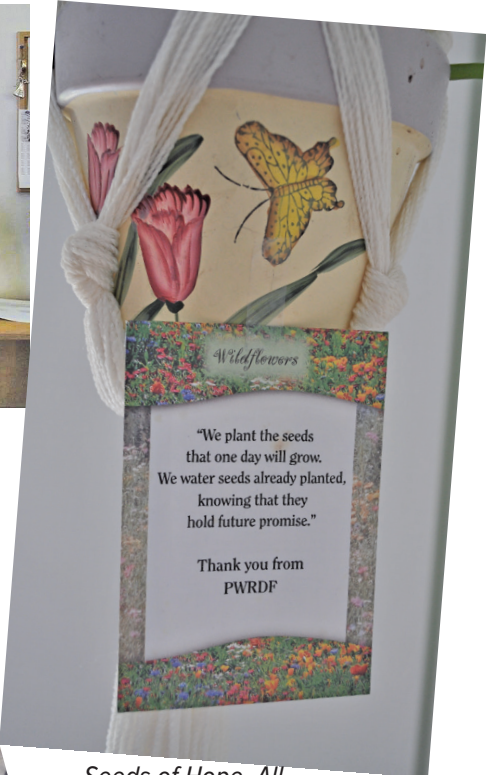
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Baskets for Cuba (All Saints' Corner Brook)



Bakeless bread sale, Burgeo



Seeds of Hope, All Saints', Corner Brook



Display table, St. George's, Cormack



Diocese's donations for Cuba



Grade 5 & 6, Grandy's River Collegiate, community PWRDF project



Weekly lenten free-will offering, Bonne Bay North



Lenten beans & toutons lunch, Cathedral, Corner Brook



Rich man/poor man's meals, St. Mary's, Curling



Pies for Eileen Churchill, Cathedral, Corner Brook



PWRDF talk, Springdale



Fair Trade drama, Kildevil





# Parish By The Sea

Submitted with photographs by  
Linda Pink and The Rev'd Elsie Rose

## Bishop John Organ makes his first visit to the parish

From August 12-17, the newly elected Bishop of Western Newfoundland visited Parish By The Sea (which includes Burgeo, Ramea, Grey River, and Francois) for the first time during his episcopacy. Here are a few photographs from that wonderful time in the parish.



Above and on the right: confirmation students preparing an archway at the Church of the Transfiguration, Grey River



Grey River Confirmation. 1st Row: Annie Rose (lay minister and presenter), Cavells Young (layreader and presenter), Gabe Lushman, Bishop Organ, Michael Lushman, Gavin Lushman

2nd Row: Karli Young, Brayden Rose, Alvin Young (lay minister), The Rev'd Elsie Rose



On the left, the presentation of an art project to Bishop and Mrs. Organ by Sunday School students. Church of the Transfiguration, Grey River



At St. Boniface, Ramea. Presentation of lay reader certificates. Paul Green, Deacon Whilhelmena Green, Bishop Organ, Effie Dominie, the Rev'd Elsie Rose, Les Cutler, Reg Piercy. Missing: Clyde Dominie, Austin Keeping, Frances Scott



At St. John the Evangelist, Burgeo. Presentation of lay reader certificates.

1st Row: Mae Lushman, Doris MacDonald, Linda Pink, Diane Ingram

2nd Row: George Anderson, Deacon Brenda Strickland, Bishop Organ, the Rev'd Elsie Rose. Missing: Ruth Tucker



At St. Simon & St. Jude, Francois. Presentation of lay reader certificates: Darren Durnford, the Rev'd Elsie Rose, Bishop Organ, Sharon Durnford, Deborah Baggs



## Appreciate Day, St. John the Evangelist, Burgeo

A Prayer and Praise service was held on June 3rd at 6:30 in the evening, followed by a lunch at the parish hall. All volunteers and congregation members were invited to participate. Music was provided by Barbara Barter, George Anderson, and Levi Rose.

Long time organist, Barbara Simms, was among those who were honoured for their dedication and commitment. Barbara Simms first played the organ in our

church at the age of 10; she has been playing for 60 years. She was presented with a gift and flowers.

All volunteers, the ACW, the altar guild, the choir and musicians, the parish hall cleaning crews, the zone captains and zone contacts, and the vestry members were presented with a pen engraved with the church's name. Rev'd Elsie thanked everyone for their dedication.



Top photograph: Rev'd Elsie, Barbara Simms, and Deacon Brenda Strickland



On the far left: Levi Rose on guitar and George Anderson on accordion



On the left: organist, Barbara Barter

## Congratulations to Rev'd Samuel Butler of CBS

Article and photograph by Sandra Taylor

The Parish of All Saints in CBS had the honour and privilege of celebrating a very important event in the life of our church family. On November 8th, 2018, the Rev'd Samuel Butler was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priesthood at the opening of synod for the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Rev'd Sam has served as a Deacon since 2009. This ordination was an affirmation of his ministry, and now he will continue at All Saints' in a formal way to respond to the call of God in his life. There was positive excitement that was contagious in the preparation and actual service on November the 8th at All Saints' Parish,

CBS with an attendance of approximately 600 people.

His journey to the priesthood started back in 2005 when he felt that he was being called to serve God. He attended classes at Queen's, and eventually was ordained a Deacon in 2009. He also had the opportunity for hands-on experience as he participated in Sunday services, funerals, and weddings. Also, he prepared the altar for the Holy Eucharist. Rev'd Sam met many challenges as deacon at All Saints' and handled each one in a very spiritual and professional manner. He had the opportunity of doing pastoral visiting to the hospitals and also was welcomed in people's homes. He attended Bible studies, youth group



meetings, confirmation classes, and many other activities within the parish.

He returned to Queen's from February until July

of 2018 to complete some more studies to prepare himself for the priesthood. Rev'd Sam is very passionate about the Parish of All Saints

and we ask God's blessing on him and his family as he continues his journey to serve God.



# Creation Care in a Throwaway Culture

Article by  
The Rev'd Mark Nichols

*"The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth...once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish."*

— Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*

These rather harsh words from *Laudato Si* come to mind every time I go for a walk in my neighbourhood. Actually, wherever I've travelled in this province I've always been taken aback by the incredible amount of litter I see. Much of it is a result of inadequately-secured trashcans and dumpsters, or uncovered garbage bags. Much of it has simply been tossed by individuals with no moral qualms about treating our land as a trash heap. Regardless of its source, litter is more than a thoughtless desecration

of the earth entrusted to our care. It is an outward and visible sign of a deeper brokenness that afflicts much of the human family—our unwillingness to accept full and personal responsibility for the waste we create. This brokenness goes much deeper than failing to ensure the waste we create winds up in our municipal landfill and not in our soil, forests and waterways. Indeed, addressing it requires an intentional decision to create the smallest amount of waste possible and finding tangible ways to live out that decision.

We have become much more intentional about recycling as a means of reducing the waste we

create. While this is a step in the right direction, it should be seen as a least-worst option. First of all, just because something is "recyclable" doesn't mean it will be accepted by municipal recycling programs. Often, there is no viable market for a particular "recyclable"; consequently, such items wind up in the landfill. There are also times when recycling is actually down-cycling. This is especially true of plastics. While glass, steel and

shouldn't wind up in the waste stream. However, much of what we consume today is disposable, difficult to use in another way, and cost-prohibitive to repair (intentionally so, to get us to consume more). Taking creation care seriously demands that we become thoughtful—indeed, reluctant—consumers.

When it comes down to it, the most effective way to care for creation is to reduce the waste we create in the first place. If we refuse to buy, accept or otherwise consume something we really don't need, that something will not enter the waste stream. If we gave as much consideration to the impact a purchase will have on our planet as to the impact it will have on our wallet, a lot less would enter our waste stream. "Reduce" is the first of the three R's for good reason.

Quite frankly, our planet cannot sustain the debauchery of unbridled consumerism that plagues our society. In this province we produce more than sixteen hundred pounds of waste per person annually. If there ever was a time to accept full and personal responsibility for the waste we create, it is now. This requires that we walk a path of counter-cultural intentionality. So, too, does our baptismal covenant.

aluminum can be recycled repeatedly, plastics can only be recycled a few times, and even then as a lower-value product. That plastic water bottle you recycled does not become a new water bottle. So, there are times when recycling simply delays waste entering the waste stream.

A better way to reduce waste is to reuse items, finding new uses for items that no longer serve their original purpose and repairing items that can still serve their original purpose. We can also re-gift items we no longer need by giving them to someone else who can use them (Home Again Furniture Bank comes to mind). As long as there is a use for something, it



## Helping St. Andrew's

Article and photograph by  
Lisa Snow

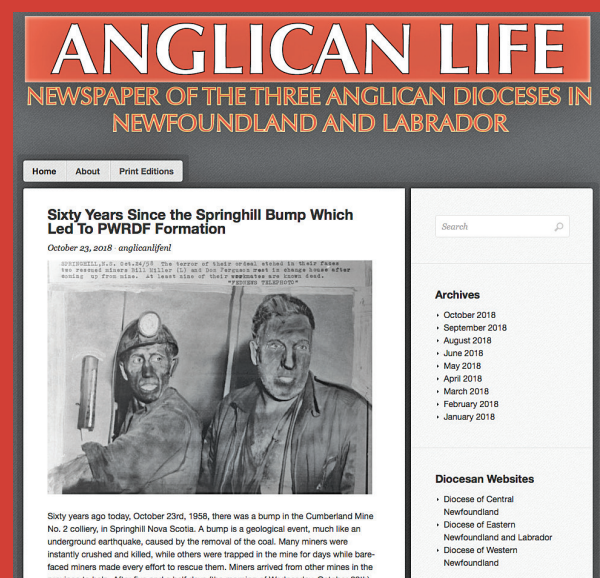
A group of our young youth wanted to try and help fundraise to help with the repairs for the roof of St Andrew's Church in Fogo. They planned to set aside a couple days during the summer of 2018 to set up a lemonade stand to

sell books and lemonade. These children gave their time to help support such a wonderful cause raising approximately \$400. It is such a blessing to have children wanting to reach out and help and a huge thank you goes out to them.

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# Cursillo—Diocese of Central Newfoundland

## The year in review

Submitted by  
Yvonne Thistle

The Israelites said, “How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?” (Psalm 137:4) The same can be said for Cursillo. The birth of Cursillo happened at such a dramatic time in world history that through prayer and discernment Cursillo gave birth.

In the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Cursillo was born in the heart of a bishop who visioned the Cursillo movement as an instrument of invitation to journey inward—upward and outward. Our Primate and those before him have supported the tenets of Cursillo, and continue to encourage its growth in the Canadian Anglican Church. Bishop John perseveres to nurture and uphold Cursillo in the Diocese of Central Newfoundland.

Spiritual Direction is one aspect of the Cursillo movement, albeit an integral part of the life of Christians everywhere. Spiritual Direction is the ministry of one believer accompanying another on their faith journey; helping them to be attentive to God in their life, to respond to God, and to grow in intimacy with God. People from all walks of life desire to deepen their relationship with God and to grow spiritually. We seek counsel in the discernment

of our life direction, the need for a new spiritual discipline, practice, or way of praying. Cursillistas are encouraged to ask, seek, and knock, and to pay attention to their life experiences and God’s nudging. To listen attentively to God’s leadings and to be reflective. Spiritual direction is not problem-solving. Its focus is God—God who is the ultimate director.

The Cursillo movement in Central Diocese continually supports and encourages spiritual direction. There are several spiritual directors available throughout our diocese.

Bishop Mark Genge, a most beautiful spiritual person, heard of Cursillo, and together with Rev’d Ron Lee and Rev’d Walter Hammond travelled to Nova Scotia to a Cursillo Weekend. In 1985, Bishop Mark made Cursillo a part of his pastoral plan and thus began a loving deep friendship with Cursillo in our Diocese. In the fall of 1986 the incubation was done, and Cursillo blossomed in our diocese. Bishop John’s document, Policy on Sustainable & Strategically Missional Ministry, echoes the tenets of Cursillo. The secretariat continues to ask, seek and knock—continually journeying toward our God—seeking his guidance.

# Cursillo

The method of Cursillo propels us forward always asking, seeking and knocking. In response to the bishop’s charge, we prepared a Pastoral Plan for Cursillo in our Diocese to give direction and guidelines for the health and growth of the Cursillo movement. It is written as a covenant with the Bishop and the Diocesan Cursillo movement. Cursillo, being a sign of the “Kingdom of God” in our environments, is a community reaching out to all in Jesus’ name making the mystery of God’s love present in our Cursillo movement and in our diocese and beyond.



Make a friend,  
Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ.

The secretariat welcomed with open arms the challenge of an aging demographic and

geographical challenges with enthusiasm as together we know that all things are possible with God. Beginning in a new venue for our weekends at Lion Max Simms Camp, the hospitality we received proved to be an ideal place for us to gather and host Cursillo Weekends.

Prayer is ever present and evident in the life of the secretariat, who as one body in Christ listen and journey the paths he presents—always guided by the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. The Cursillo Weekend, Fourth Day Group Reunion and Ultreyas are but a few of the blessings of God’s grace to direct us as we journey outward, inward, onward, and upward.

Come, come and see for yourself. (John 1:46)

Piety, Study and Action continue to solidify and grace Cursillistas with faith, hope and love. Through spiritual journeying the

mission of the “Kingdom of God” is evident in our diocese. Prison ministry, prayer groups, Bible study groups, book clubs, garden parties, parish ministries, diocesan, national and global ministries, messy church, youth Alpha, new life shoes, PWRDF, the Ultreya gatherings and fellowship of those with a deep pure love for the Lord!

PRAY - PRAY – PRAY!  
LISTEN - LISTEN – LISTEN!  
Is it I Lord?

Yes, my love it is you I call!  
Come, come and journey  
journey outward,  
journey inward,  
journey onward,  
journey upward.

It is with great humility I submit this report, ever conscious of Jesus—dwelling in each of us, propelling us onward to be His presence in our environments.

Thank you Cursillistas for your love of your God that blesses Cursillo with burning hearts to fulfill His mission, to love as He loves.

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# “Sock Night” of Fun and Fellowship

Submitted with photographs by  
Lisa Brown

On November 27th, the Executive Members of the ACW of St. James’ Church in Port aux Basques held their annual “Sock Night.” There were 39 ladies who came out to enjoy the evening, which began with a beautiful worship, followed by games, ending with a lunch. A wonderful night of fellowship.



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